## December 5 - 9, 2016 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

(Survey data not available for all locations. Updates will be posted when possible)

Winter conditions have finally arrived and waterfowl numbers are increasing daily on our WMA's. We are still dry on several of our management areas, but with a little luck, the rain will continue to fall. We are into our second segment of the waterfowl season, and there are still loads of ducks and geese being reported north of us. Get out and scout for areas with adequate water and keep an eye on the coming north winds! Good luck to all and remember to be safe.

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	35,900 ducks 50 CA Geese 6,500 WF geese	86% Mallard, 5% Gadwall, 4% GW teal, 2% Ring-neck, the remaining 3% is mix bag of wood duck, shoveler, wigeon, black duck and merganser.	We are pumping with wells where we can, have a pto-driven pump set up and pumping water from unit to unit where possible. Ohio River is finally high enough to pump from.
Boatwright WMA	2,000 ducks 15 CA geese	99% Mallard, 1% Wood Duck	Pumping water where possible. Habitat conditions are great minus water.
Birdsville Island	Not surveyed		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes			
Duck Island	5,500 ducks	85% Mallard, 10% GW Teal, 5% pintail, gadwall and ringnecks.	Seeing good waterfowl use of the island with ideal water conditions. Overall use is generally similar to last year at this time. The central impoundment will continue to be monitored and we may raise the level a few tenths of a foot within the next 7 days. The lake level rise may be enough to allow pumping of the south impoundment.

Barren River Lake  760 DUCKS  775 Divers, 25% bufflehead, redhead, canvasback and ruddys) 25% Dabblers (Mallards, gadwall, black ducks, wood ducks, and pintalis. Listed in order of abundance)  Peabody WMA  2,200 ducks  8 mixed dabblers.  Peabody WMA  186 Ducks 15 CA Geese  15 CA Geese  7,250 WF Geese 9,250 Snows 97 CA Geese 63 Swans  Pellowbank WMA  365 Ducks Yellowbank WMA  365 Ducks To Geese  Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds) 28 CA geese Herrington Lake No birds sited at survey locations.  No birds sited at survey locations.  Pump is still down, water level in lake has risen some but still water on the lake via boat.  Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA Not surveyed  Green River WMA Not surveyed  No burses  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  Conditions remain relatively dry across the WMA. Around 90% of the Pond Creek water and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.  All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded and increasing slowly.	Dames Diverstale	760 D	750/ Division /500/ Carrier 250/	Datasa Carali MCII 400/
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